THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The States/ UTs reported expenditure of Rs. 9770.65 crores till 31st December, 2006 which is 74% of total fund available with the States/UTs. The balance funds are for activities/works in progress.

The Ministry regularly monitors the progress of expenditure every quarter.

Navodaya Vidyalayas without playfields

1391. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 156 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) are not having playfields out of the total 498 functional/established Vidyalayas;

(b) whether sports help in improving physical and psychological strength of the children and further contribute in development of overall personality of the child; and

(c) if so, the action taken to provide playfield to JNVs not having playfields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Of the 539 functional Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs), 365 JNVs are having proper playfields.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Construction of playground in 144 JNVs is in progress. Facilities like Volleyball, Kho-Kho and Badminton courts etc. are however, available at 139 of these JNVs, functioning at temporary sites. It is the policy of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti to provide playground to all its schools.

Sanctioned Navodaya Vidyalayas

1392. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) sanctioned till date and how many of them are non-functional;

(b) the steps taken by Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti to ensure that sanctioned JNVs become functioned as soon as possible; and

(c) the details of JNVs functioning from temporary sites and the measures taken to shift them to permanent accoummodations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) 565 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) have been sanctioned till date, out of which 26 are non- functional.

(b) The concerned State Governments are regularly persuaded to provide temporary building to start the Vidyalayas and to provide suitable sites for construction of permanent buildings for the Vidyalayas.

(c) 139 JNVs are presently functioning in temporary buildings. Construction of buildings has already been sanctioned for 109 JNVs. Sanction for construction of remaining 30 JNVs could not be made due to non- availability of land from the concerned State Governments.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to the secondary level

1393. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has rejected his Ministry's proposal to upgrade the flagship scheme Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to the secondary level;

(b) the main reasons given by the Planning Commission for rejecting the proposal; and

(c) What are the methods Government are trying to implement the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in an effective manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Planning Commission has accorded 'in-principle' approval to the proposal for a scheme for universalisation of access to and improvement of quality of secondary education with certain stipulations.

(c) A system of rigorous monitoring and independent reviews to oversee the implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme is in place. A